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EDITORIAL

TWO POWER SITES

During the month of May possibly the finest power site in the United States—Muske Shoals—was saved as a publicly owned enterprise for the benefit of this and future generations of the people of the republic. In the same month the finest power site in Canada, and probably the finest on the North American continent—Beauharnois—came under the control of a group of financial adventurers headed by Sir Herbert Holt. Muscle Shoals was saved to the people by the boldness and public spirit of President Roosevelt, acting through Congress; Beauharnois was lost through the weakness of Premier Bennett.

A last stand against the perpetration of this crime against the people of the Dominion was made by E. J. Garland, Robert Gardiner and J. S. Woodsworth, who urged that Beauharnois be declared to be a work in the national interest and expropriated for the people. The C.C.F. groups obtained a handful of supporters from the two old parties; but Premier Bennett protested his helplessness. In fact, however, he did not show that he had exhausted the means at his disposal to prevent the site being lost to the Holt interests.

As the Canadian Forum states satirically: "Here is another test case in which the strong man fails to get things done. It may be that he has fought hard behind the scenes to save Beauharnois from the Holt gang, but the general public will have to believe that on faith. What is known for certain is that Mr. Bennett intervened to save the banks from any risks that they had undertaken. But in the end Holt grabs all the power and

the profits. It is true that if Mr. Bennett had wanted to intervene and save the project for public ownership he would have had to fight a combination of some of the strongest business profiteers of Montreal and Toronto, and any ordinary politician may be pardoned if he shows little stomach for such a fight. But then we are so constantly being assured in private that Mr. Bennett is no ordinary politician."

We have written of the "last stand" of the C.C.F. groups. It is the last stand in a battle but not the end of a campaign. We believe the day will come when the people of Canada will place in power—at Ottawa and in all the Provinces—governments pledged to restore to the people their ownership not only in Beauharnois, but in the whole of what should rightfully be the public domain.

THE COMING WORLD CONFERENCE

Every economic conference hitherto held since the war has served to demonstrate the increasing weakness of political governments and the growing power of the great bankers who are the real arbiters of policy. Ramsay MacDonald confessed that the bankers and not the politicians devised the Dawes plan—one of the chief of the projects by which capitalism has sought, without success, to stabilize itself. What was true of the Dawes plan was true of the others.

Is there any sound reason to believe that the forthcoming World Economic Conference will be less under the control of the great bankers than its predecessors—in matters, that is to say, not of detail, but of fundamental policy? We see no reason to believe that the financial governments which dictate policy to political governments are willing to abdicate. We may hope, however, that their assertion of authority may this time fail.

In the course of a detailed editorial analysis of the forces behind the conference the *New English Weekly* of recent date declares: "... under cover of the appealing and popular phrase of International Cooperation nothing less than the will to world-power of national bankers, tired of merely national empires, is to be pursued; and moreover, at the coming World Conference no less momentous an issue is at stake than the future of the world perhaps forever. The hopes of the world are, indeed, involved in the success or failure of the Conference; but in its failure rather than in its success."

For reasons which we hope to set forth at greater length in a later article in *The U.F.A.* we are inclined to think that the most hopeful recent pronouncement is that attributed to the United States Government, to the effect that in the event of the failure of the Conference, the republic will seek salvation in internal economic reconstruction. The way to a sound internationalism is to be found in an effective declaration by each sovereign state in turn, of its independence of the international money power.

NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of Locals and District Associations and Information from Central Office—Shown on Co-operative

U.F.A. Locals in Order of Numerical Strength

Locals of the U.F.A. are listed below in order of numerical strength as at May 28th, as shown on the books at Central Office. All Locals of equal strength are paragraphed after the figure which indicates the number of members in the Local. Secretaries who have on hand dues owing to Central Office are urged to forward them without delay in order that the lists may be brought up to date.

It must be pointed out that the total membership of the Locals listed below is not the total numerical strength of the Association; because only Locals whose paid-up membership for 1933 is five or more are included in the list as being in good standing. There are numerous other Locals whose membership, being less than five, is not here recorded; while yet others have not remitted dues so far this year to Central Office, although they are known to be in active operation.

The foregoing paragraph applies not only to U.F.A. Locals, but also to U.F.W.A. and Junior Locals, whose membership is listed elsewhere.

- 141—Balzac.
- 112—High River.
- 72—Hazelton.
- 70—Consort, Standard.
- 68—Veteran.
- 61—Kingman.
- 57—Majestic Springwater.
- 56—Gleichen.
- 54—Oids.
- 50—Nasser.
- 47—Carbon.
- 45—Iron Springs, Reid Hill.
- 44—Gem.
- 42—Nanton.
- 41—Drumheller.
- 39—Cereal.
- 37—Rowley.
- 36—Bowden.
- 33—Trochu.
- 32—Bulmer, Morse Mills.
- 31—Beddington, Del Bonita, Heather Brae, Square Deal, Stavelly.
- 30—Magrath, Slatford.
- 29—Meadow Creek, Cold Lake, Taber.
- 28—Broadview, Cayley.
- 27—Dina, Greenfield, Rainy Mills, Wilmore.
- 26—Cande, Eagle Hill, Gwynne, Plainfield, Rainier, Verdun, Wayss.
- 25—Castor, Craigville, Near Hill, Northmore, Troop Creek.
- 24—Federal, Miram, Red Deer.
- 23—Aldrie, Edgingdale, Eastport, Long Valley, Quaanatona, Roaming, Science Mount.
- 22—Battle View, Chapel, Great Bend, Keyatone, Kirriemuir, Neen, New Yarrow, Neighbourhood, Watino.
- 21—Asher, Hawk, East Arrowwood, Picture Butte, Pleasant Hill.
- 20—Bessie Brier, Broughton, Cayne, Hay Lakes, Maywood, Miroslava, Morris, Namsa, Prospect Valley, Rocky Coulee, Tilley, Wilton Park, Birchill.
- 19—Coliholme, Delewood, Eastburg, Lava Hill, Mile, Park Grove.

18—Badger Lake, Five Mile, Oyen, Pedalis, Springbank, Tudor.

17—Burnside, Hazel Hill, Loughard, Okotoks, Paradise Valley, Parkcourt, Water Glen.

16—Burnwell, Cheshill, Crerar, Calahan, Lake Thelma, Lone Ridge, Lorrain, Malm, Midway, Norbo, Orward, Redland, Rector, Turin, Wadena, West Salisbury.

15—Ardenode, Angle Lake, Bluffton, Howell, Derwent, Lindberg, Sangudo, Shepard, Sounding Creek, Sullivan Lake, Trees, Wavy Lake.

14—Armistice, Avonlea, Barons, Beynon, Boyle, Carleton, Carmangay, Crooked Lake, Glenside, Greenlawn, Holmdale, Langford, McCafferty, Nakamun, Pleasanton, Progress, Prosper, Roydale, Silverwood, Spirit Valley, Willow Creek.

13—Benton, Chain Lakes, Creighton, Crescent Hill, Edmonton, Fairview, Fort Saskatchewan, Haultain, High Prairie, Kirkdale, Lambton, Munson, Newlands, Partridge Hill, Patience, Riverton, Rosebud Valley, Tomahawk.

12—Bulwark, Connor Creek, Devonia Lake, East Lethbridge, Essign, Entwistle, Golden West, Green Grove, Ghost Pine, Home Valley, Irvine, Mayview, North Star, Toland, Twelve Mile Lake, Two Rivers, Union, Vandyne.

Waterhole, Winfield, Winifred, Winterburn, Willow Springs.

11—Beaverlodge, Brookdale, Burlington, Cornucopia, Cross Plains, Good Cheer, Gortley, Jefferson, Loodale, Maseppa, Riverford, Red Cross, Spring Park.

10—Atlanta, Battle Beaver, Brimber, Bug Valley, Bow Island, Carstairs, Cash Creek, Comich, Eltham, Elora, Energetic, Fleet, Goodfare, Holborn, Langdon, Mayerthorpe, Pickardville, Viking, Wheatridge.

9—Bright Bank, Browning, Camrose, Commerce, Delburne, Dunsen, Ewing, Glass Lake, Golden Valley, Hastings Coulee, Heatherdown, Killarney, Lamont, Last Lake, Lakeside, Mountain Peak, Prestonville, Rimby, Rockwood, Rosewood, Seven Persons, Spirit River, Stony Plain, Twelve Mile Coulee, Wierwood, Wrentham, Woodford.

8—Balm, Bay Tree, Bluffton, Brooksona, Columet, Brooks, Drenu, Edipon, East Clover Bar, Fork Lake, Glenister, Grande Prairie, Hainsburg, Iron Creek, Nibel, Queenie Creek, Progressive, Pruth, Peavine, Reddell, Siga, Sounding Valley, Valley, Wheatheaf, Clover Bar.

7—Ardenode, Bobtail, Calgary, Chinook Valley, Claypool, Claremont Lake, Esel, Elk Point, Ferguson, Glenside, Glenavon, Hains, Hillavale, Kathryn-Kroma, Namsa, Pembina, Penhold, Retlaw, Prairie Union, Rio Grande, Rycroft, Rainbow, Sedgewick, Social Plains.

U.F.A. Rally in Red Deer on June 29th

Farm People of Central Alberta Will Have Opportunity to Hear Prominent Speakers in Movement—Board of Trade to Provide Hall and Music

On the invitation of the authorities and board of trade of the city of Red Deer, a U.F.A. rally to be addressed by several of the most prominent leaders in the U.F.A. movement, will be held in that city on Thursday, June 29th.

The example set by the city of Drumheller last year is being followed in large measure in the planning of the gathering. It will be remembered that the largest U.F.A. rally in the recent history of the Association was held there in August, when the mayor and president of the board of trade welcomed the visitors, and President Robert Gardiner, Premier Brownlee, Norman F. Priestley, Vice-president, E. J. Garland, M.P., member for the constituency of Bow River, and J. S. Woodsworth, M.P., President of the C.C.F., delivered addresses. J. M. Wheatley, director for Bow River, presided.

While the list of speakers is not yet complete, it is hoped that Premier Brownlee and President Gardiner, Mr. Priestley, and Alfred Speakman, M.P., the member for the constituency, will be among those who will participate in the proceedings.

The rally will be held in the Leonard Gaetz Memorial church, and there will be afternoon and evening sessions.

Farm people of the constituency and of Central Alberta generally, whether they be members of the U.F.A. or not, are invited to attend this gathering. Last year in some cases farmers and farm women travelled great distances by car to be present at the Drumheller rally, and at Red Deer farmers of Central Alberta will have a similar opportunity. The Red Deer board of trade is providing the hall and the musical program to be given during the day.

Sounding Lake, Sunset, Unwedged, Wabag, Willow Bank.

6—Beaver, Bellin, Berrywater, Caroline, Canyon View, Delta, Diamond Valley, Eldridge, Elmworth, Fawcett, Garden Prairie, Grimshaw, Hand Hills Lake, Iron River, Lone Pine, Makepeace, Monitor, Mirror, Mundare, Nadreau, Norton, Prairie Echo, Rosebush, Rochfort Bridge, Rolling Green, Rossington, Smoky Lake, Strawberry, White Mountain.

5—Argyle, Aunger, Bismark, Broncho Creek, Cavell, Carrot Creek, Carlton, Claremont, Coaldale, Custer, Didsbury, Dionne, Dry Crossing, Fort Vermilion, Gibbons, Graminia-Middleton, Hansen's Corners, Hamaruka, Lake Saskatchewan, Mid Pembina, Ministik, Orla Eye Lake, Rathwell, Sexton Creek, Talbot, White, Woodside.

Coming Conventions

Federal

Wetaskiwin—Wetaskiwin U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association will hold their annual convention in Pierson's Hall, Millet, on Thursday, June 22nd, commencing at 10 a.m. A banquet and short program will precede the evening session, to be addressed by E. J. Garland, M.P. In urging a full attendance at the Wetaskiwin convention, Mrs. Mary Dowdell, secretary, writes: "Your association needs your individual support more at this time than ever before. It must be strong to fight your battle on the political front, and a Federal election may not be far off. If you are in earnest about making real the new social order—and we know you are terribly in earnest—you may do your bit by supporting your Federal Constituency Association financially, by paying your dues of fifty cents, and morally, by attending its convention."

Acadia—Registration for the annual convention of Acadia U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association, in the Memorial Hall, Haines, on Saturday, June 24th, will start at 10 a.m., the morning session opening at 11 a.m. Robert Gardiner, M.P., will give a report of the Parliamentary session just closed, and J. K. Sutherland, secretary of the association, urges Locals to send as many delegates and visitors as possible to the convention, since Mr. Gardiner will be able to address few, if any, meetings through the constituency this year.

Bow River—The annual convention of Bow River U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association will be held in Meadow Brook Hall, four miles north of Clithero, on July 7th, commencing at 9 a.m. All Locals in the constituency are urged to send a full representation.

Provincial

Pembina—The summer convention of Pembina U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association will be held at Birchhead on June 21st, commencing at 11 o'clock, according to announcements sent out by G. Eldon Chambers, secretary. Speakers will include D. M. Kennedy, M.P., George MacLachlan, M.L.A., Mrs. Ethridge, Hugh Critchlow and, at the evening session, Premier Brownlee.

Alexandra—The thirteenth annual convention of Alexandra U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association will be held in the Town Hall, Kitcooty, on Saturday,

U.F.A. Co-operative Committee's Bulletin

Although through the columns of *The U.F.A.* by articles, news items and advertisements, the Co-operative Committee has placed before our members during the past two years many statements as to the advantages of buying co-operatively, the facts therein set forth seem to have escaped the attention of many. In addition to publicity through *The U.F.A.* we have circularized all our secretaries. At one time we broadcast price lists, but found that to be unsatisfactory. We used the radio for a large part of the year every noon from Calgary and every Monday noon from Edmonton.

Sixteen co-operative associations have been organized under the Co-operative Associations Act of Alberta. Thousands of our members are buying some of the principal farm supplies through these co-operative associations and Central Office. For nearly two years we have been returning patronage dividends to our Locals and Associations. The report of the Co-operative Committee, given at the last Convention, showed that these had amounted, at that time, to over \$11,000. We recognize this is merely a beginning and that the possibilities are great. Within the past few weeks a man, prominent for many years in business circles in Alberta, expressed the opinion in Central Office that the U.F.A. plan might develop into the biggest thing in Western Canada.

Members Who Do Not Know

In view of all the publicity, activity and at least substantial success of the co-operative enterprise launched by the Association, it is strange that we still find members of the U.F.A. who are scarcely aware of the fact that we are building up this co-operative movement. Here is an instance: A farmer belonging to one of the strongest Locals in the Province, met his Local secretary the other day in Calgary. They began to talk about U.F.A. matters. The Secretary said: "I have just bought a tire and tube through Central Office."

"Why," said the member, "I didn't know the U.F.A. handled tires," and, pointing to his truck, he said, "I bought those two tires the other day."

"Well," said the Secretary, "That's certainly too bad. If you had placed your order through me or through Central Office, you would have saved enough money to have paid your U.F.A. dues for the next five years, not to mention the patronage dividend which would have come back to our Local, amounting to several dollars."

If the time should come again when the farmers of Alberta have a few dollars ahead and can buy a new tire before the old one blows out on the road and we can get sufficient of them to use a little foresight, and buy together, we shall make a demonstration of pooled purchasing power that will make the world sit up and take notice. We have used this one instance of this line by way of illustration, because the above incident is fresh in our minds. Similar illustrations might be given with respect to other lines of goods.

June 24th, beginning at 10 a.m. A special feature will be a discussion of the C.C.F., and it is expected that G. L. Gibbs, M.L.A., will speak on this subject.

Beaver River—Beaver River U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association will hold its midsummer convention at Fork Lake on July 8th, commencing at 1 p.m. sharp. L. E. Magnant, secretary, asks for a full attendance, since some important matters are to be dealt with.

MR. PRIESTLEY'S MEETINGS

Meetings to be addressed by Norman F. Priestley, Vice-President of the U.F.A., during June include the following:

June 1st, Pollockville.

June 2nd, Blindman.

June 3rd, Alton.

The foregoing are Wheat Pool sub-district meetings to which Mr. Priestley will accompany Messrs. Pomer and Jensen, Wheat Pool Directors.

June 6th, Hobbs Local, Ponoka.

June 7th, opening of Junior Conference, Edmonton.

June 8th, Public speaking contest, to

which Mr. Priestley will be Chairman.

June 9th, Napano.

June 10th, Chipman, 2:30; Josephsburg, 8 p.m.

June 11th, Partisage Hills (U.F.A. Local will observe U.F.A. Sunday.)

Meetings are to be arranged in the Hardisty to Provost district, June 14th, 15th and 16th and on the 17th Mr. Priestley will speak at Kingman Local in the Camrose district and on June 24th at the Little Bow U.F.A. Convention, Vulcan; June 29th at a U.F.A. Rally for Red Deer.

During the latter part of May Mr. Priestley addressed meetings at May View School, north of Vulcan and Quetta-town; also Sundial Community Picnic and meetings at Coaldale and White School near Lethbridge.

C. A. Renning, M.L.A., will be the speaker at the U.F.A. Sunday meeting to be held on June 18th, in the Battle River Valley, about fifteen miles south-east of Alliance.

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Eyes of the World on Washington

Radical Departures From Precedent and Vigorous Action in Many Fields Mark Franklin D. Roosevelt's First Three Months of Office

From a survey of the measures proposed by Franklin D. Roosevelt, since his accession to power ~~March~~ 4th, and promptly translated into legislation by Congress, two outstanding features emerge: one of the immense permissive and discretionary powers that are given to the President; the other the astonishing discrepancy between the conservative policy of the Democratic Party and the decided trend towards radicalism of the Democratic President.

The important measures which Mr. Roosevelt may enforce or hold in abeyance, in part or in whole, include the Emergency Banking Act, the Farm Relief Act, the Inflation Measure, and the plan by which taxes are to be raised for the president's public works enterprises. In other words, he has been given, practically, dictatorial powers over the agricultural industry and over banking and currency. In addition the President has, of course, wide powers in connection with enforcement of other legislation.

A summary of the domestic measures initiated by President Roosevelt in the last three months, and passed by Congress, is given below.

Emergency Banking Act: This validated the decrees issued with the closing of the banks in March, authorized control of gold reserves, created a new issue of Federal Reserve Bank notes, and provided for "conservator-management" of closed banks. The President has authority to permit State Banks to borrow from the Federal Reserve system, whether or not they are members of the system.

Veterans' Economy Act: Regardless of the powerful veterans' lobby reductions were made in bonuses amounting to more than \$400,000,000 per year.

Government Wage Reduction Act: Makes another reduction in the nation's expenditures (and purchasing power) of some \$250,000,000 annually. Over-riding the military and naval lobbies, previously almost invincible, cuts have been made in these departments; some three thousand officers will be placed on permanent half-pay.

Legislation of Beer: Repealing prohibition legislation.

Reforestation Act: This legislation empowers the President to employ up to 250,000 workers on improvement of national parks, fire prevention, flood control work, tree planting in harvest and cut-over areas, thinning where desirable, etc.

Farm Relief Act: This was referred to in the May 1st issue of *The U.F.A.* It is designed to raise American farm prices to the pre-war levels. It provides for recompense for reduction of acreage either by rental of land withdrawn from production or by subsidy, funds for these purposes to come from a processing tax on several agricultural commodities—wheat, cotton, corn, hogs, rice, tobacco, sugar cane, sugar beets, and dairy products. Conferences, at which producers are to be represented, will determine the amount of the tax. Provision is also

made in this Act for compensating tariffs upon agricultural products from outside the U.S.

Emergency Farm Mortgage Act: This legislation has the double purpose of relieving farmers of part of their load of debt, and of protecting investments. In a radio broadcast on May 7th, Mr. Roosevelt said, with reference to inflation generally: "The administration has the definite objective of raising commodity prices to such an extent that those who have borrowed money will, on the average, be able to repay that money in the same kind of money which they borrowed. We do not seek to let them get such a cheap dollar that they will be able to pay back a great deal less than they borrowed. In other words, we seek to correct a wrong and not to create another wrong in the opposite direction."

This legislation sets up a fund of two billion dollars, with which the Federal Farm Loan Board may buy first mortgages on farm lands, up to the amount of the unpaid principal on the date of purchase, or fifty per cent of the normal value of the land and twenty per cent of the value of improvements. This will be financed by an issue of 4 per cent bonds, interest guaranteed by the Government; farmers will pay 4 1/2 per cent.

Inflation Measure: This was described in the May 1st issue, page 7.

Direct Unemployment Relief Act: This Act provides for direct grants to State Governments, for assistance in unemployment relief, up to one-third of the amounts expended in this way, or the entire costs where necessary. A total of \$200,000 is provided by the Act.

Tennessee Valley-Muscle Shoals Act: This introduces a vital change in Government policy—the Government will generate electrical power in the Tennessee Valley and at the plant erected at the Muscle Shoals dam some years ago, and to distribute it direct to consumers.

Control of Industry Legislation: The primary purpose of this legislation is stated to be the establishment and maintenance of industrial stability through the re-employment of labor, the maintenance of increased wages, standardization of hours of labor and establishment of a "fair price scale." The thirty-hours week bill appears to have been held over, but Mr. Roosevelt's strong advocacy of minimum wage legislation has resulted in the passage of such legislation by four State legislatures, and its introduction in others.

Emergency Railroad Transportation Act: This measure is declared to be temporary only, as the President intends to bring forward next year a more complete and more permanent plan for transportation. The present act calls for the avoidance of duplication of services, prevention of waste and avoidable expense, and certain financial reorganization; a "Federal Co-ordinator of Transportation" is to have authority to carry forward this program.

Home Mortgage Act: Under this Act a Home Owners' Loan Corporation will buy mortgages of properties of the value of \$15,000 or less, make advances to pay taxes, make cash loans or redeem homes lost by foreclosure within the previous two years.

Securities Control Act: This legislation regulates the conditions under which stocks and bonds may be offered for sale, with penalties for violations.

Taxes for Special Expenditures: Congress has set forth a list of taxes to be applied, but the President is given authority to discontinue some of them at his discretion.

Glass-Steagall Banking Bill: A revision of the banking law, having for its avowed purpose the correction of some of the evils and weaknesses of the banking system. This piece of legislation, however, was not initiated by Mr. Roosevelt.

Public Works Plan: This provides for the expenditure of \$3,800,000,000 on the construction and maintenance of highways, erection of public buildings, conservation and development of water powers, building of harbors, slum clearance and housing projects, and building of ships for the U.S. Navy.

On May 29th, also, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to pass a bill making provision for (a) payment of all private mortgages and private debts, both past and future, in any legal tender money; (b) settlement of international debts, including war debts, in legal tender money of the United States, instead of gold; and (c) payment of the Government's debts to private citizens, including Liberty Bonds, in any legal tender.

In the International Field: Previous items deal with measures in the United States domestic field. In the international field President Roosevelt has been no less vigorous; but space forbids any adequate survey of the action taken. It was following a speech by the President on May 16th, which was construed as a warning to the Fascist Government of Germany whose warlike utterances had caused alarm, that Adolph Hitler in a speech to the Reichstag made a pacifist speech believing all his part. President Roosevelt also coined a definition of "aggression" clearer and more specific than any hitherto applied in international affairs, proposing that no armed troops whatsoever should hereafter cross any frontier save when a neighbor had offended by breaking her armaments agreements. The President has further intimated that the United States will not take a neutral position in respect to any country breaking an armaments agreement.

A bill is now being presented to Congress that would give the President power to negotiate reciprocal tariff treaties, without securing the Senate's approval, and it has been suggested that the President should be given wider powers in respect to foreign policy in general.

First National Convention of C.C.F. July 19th

New Dominion-wide Political Movement Will Deal With Outstanding Problems of National Importance at Regina Gathering

The first National Convention of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation will be opened in the city hall, Regina, on Wednesday, July 19th, and will last for three days, possibly continuing into a fourth, it is announced by Norman F. Priestley, Vice-president of the U.F.A. and National Secretary of the Federation.

Representation will be on the basis of one delegate for every Federal constituency. Where Provincial Councils of the C.C.F. have been set up, the method of selection of the delegates will be decided upon by these Councils. In Alberta the Provincial Council consists at present of the Executives of the United Farmers of Alberta and the Canadian Labor Party, Alberta Section, and these bodies, acting together, will arrange for the delegation of sixteen.

Federal Members

It is provided, however, that members of Parliament affiliated with the C.C.F. groups (Farmer and Labor) shall have delegate status; and as Alberta has a much stronger representation than any other Province (nine U.F.A. members), this Province will have a much larger proportionate representation than any other.

Reduced railway round trip fares equivalent to single fare and one-third, will be available, and will be valid until after the close of the World Grain Fair which will be held in Regina in the week following the Convention.

The provisional National Executive of the C.C.F. will meet for three days preceding the Convention.

The policy and program of the Federation will be considered in detail, and officers for the coming year will be elected.

The Convention will be of outstanding national importance, and will undoubtedly have an important bearing upon the social, economic and political future of the Dominion.

Rapid Growth in East

News from Ontario, where Federal members have been giving assistance in organization meetings, indicates that the C.C.F. movement is growing very rapidly in that Province, and a large number of C.C.F. clubs have been formed in the urban centres. The U.F.A. is the organization through which farmers enter the Federation and the farm people are thus giving support through their association. The passage of every week marks additions to the strength of the Federation.

Taken Hold in Quebec

The C.C.F. has invaded the Province of Quebec, where clubs are rapidly being multiplied, and the daily press carries many items of news in reference to the movement. Among other branches are ten on the island of Montreal, the latest known as the Maisonneuve C.C.F. club, having been inaugurated in the United Church hall.

Accepting a challenge from one of the island branches, the Vice-president of

the Conservative organization engaged in debate with one of the C.C.F. leaders on May 31st, a noted Montreal lawyer taking the chair.

Five thousand persons on the island of Montreal alone have registered as members of the C.C.F. clubs.

Expose Practices of Dominant U.S. Bankers

The press of the North American continent has carried under sensational headlines, during the past two weeks, revelations concerning the operations and practices of the potent banking firm headed by J. Pierpont Morgan, made at an investigation now in progress in the United States Senate.

Four separate lists have been presented of "favored customers" who were given the opportunity of purchasing stocks at figures lower than market prices. One list of men who had bought Allegheny Corporation stock for \$20, when the market price was \$35 to \$37 (it is now about \$2) included Calvin Coolidge, late President, William H. Woodin, Secretary of State, Norman

H. Davis, Roosevelt's ambassador-at-large, General John J. Pershing, W. G. McAdoo, John J. Backus, Charles A. Lindbergh, and many other well-known names. Another list of customers who had been sold stock in the United Corporation—a utilities stock-holding organization, dominated by the Morgan interests and controlling over 50 per cent of the utilities of the republic—at \$24 less than the market price, included all the above names, except that of Mr. Coolidge, and also those of H. B. Mellon, John W. Davis, Richard Whitney and Frank Polk. Altogether these clients bought stock for a total of \$7,000,000 below the open market price.

Other "favored customers" were individuals and firms who secured loans, either unsecured or only partially secured by collateral. One of these was Charles G. Dawes, who at the time that he was ambassador to Britain, secured a loan. A list was presented of sixty bank officers and directors who obtained individual loans from the Morgan firm, some of them only partly secured by collateral. Unsecured loans, aggregating some \$47,000,000, had been made to the United Corporation and its subsidiaries.

Income Tax

John Pierpont Morgan, head of the firm, gave evidence to the effect that he had not paid U.S. income tax for 1931 and 1932, although he had paid income taxes in England during those years. Under the British laws capital loans cannot be deducted from the year's profits, while the U.S. law permits this. However, figures were obtained from witnesses to show that the firm had made nearly \$10,000,000 on the sale and underwriting of securities in 1930 and 1931; and \$18,000,000 from the sale of securities from 1927 to 1931 inclusive; and that a potential profit of \$122,000,000 was available to the firm in 1929 had they sold securities received in the formation of the United Corporation. The total assets of the Morgan firm at December 1st last were over \$424,000,000.

Poverty Amidst Plenty

The fields are waving with golden grain,
There are cattle-herds on the open mead,
There are shoals of fish in the foaming main;
There's enough and to spare for the people's need,
Shall we call the masses to come and feed?
Star, good-hearted one! Not so rash!
Poor folk's hunger is only greed,
And the bankers say that we're short of cash.

There are wonderful engines, with power plain,
To turn all our dreams to magnificent deed;
We could build a community stately and sane;
There's enough and to spare for the people's need,
Shall we clear the slums where infections breed,
And build fair dwellings? Contemptible trash!
A slum's the place for a human weed,
And the bankers say that we're short of cash.

There are unemployed millions, still seeking in vain
For tasks that are done with precision and speed
By engines that save us from labor and pain;
There's enough and to spare for the people's need,
Shall we grant to the people, from slavery freed,
A share in the plenty around us? O, dash—
"No work, no food!" is the Pauline creed,
And the bankers say that we're short of cash.

So we pine amidst plenty and perish. But heed!
We can set up a system that's safe from a smash;
There's enough and to spare for the people's need—
Though the bankers say that we're short of cash.

L. O. EVANS in *The New English Weekly*.

National Action by the People or International Action by the Bankers?

George G. Coote Sets Forth Case for Socialization of the Monetary System of Canada

"One of the chief causes of present world conditions is the attempt to carry on a lot of national economic units with an international currency. The two do not go together. Money is national, and we want a money system suited to our needs."

In this significant passage, in a speech in the House of Commons, at the recent session of Parliament, George G. Coote, M.P., gave the answer of the U.F.A. to those public men and economists who insist that no single country can take effective steps to deal with the monetary problem.

Every international economic conference hitherto has been dominated by the world's bankers, and has been designed to strengthen the monopoly of banking capital, whether the authors of the various plans for economic reconstruction have been Charles G. Dawes or Owen D. Young, or other spokesmen of the interests dominated by the great bankers. "International Action" has meant action under the direction of the central banks whose control of the world's economic affairs has been ruinous to multitudes of citizens of many countries.

In contrast to this policy of bankers' internationalism, various U.F.A. members have contended that the only hopeful steps to a sound internationalism are the steps which each individual nation can take by setting its own household in "civilized order." The first step, as defined by the U.F.A. and the C.C.F., is to socialize the monetary system.

Since Mr. Coote's speech was delivered, it has been announced, in behalf of President Roosevelt, that under certain conditions the United States may seek to deal with her own internal economic problem in a national way, irrespective of the action of other states.

Excerpts from Mr. Coote's speech are given below.—Editor.

Must Deal With Own Problem

I think there have been more than thirty world conferences since the war, and I think almost every one could be classified as a failure. At any rate, the world economic conference cannot deal with Canada's problem. We have a problem of our own, the problem of distributing among our citizens that surplus which we are so well able to produce. The world economic conference cannot deal with that question; it is a matter for Canadians and the Canadian Government. I think the policy of drift is indicated in those words spoken by the minister:

But I do wish to warn against too gloomy an interpretation of current happenings. Events are moving rapidly, driven by the urge of economic necessity.

Where is the Government being driven by this urge of economic necessity? That is the tragedy—that the Government must be driven by economic necessity.

I think it is to be regretted that two years ago the Government did not adopt a different policy, instead of drifting along with this policy of deflation. If they had taken a more courageous atti-

tude in regard to the money question and had adopted a distinctly Canadian monetary policy we might be in a very much better position at the present time. It seems fair to say that the inference to be drawn from the Minister's statement is that since in effect the United States has been driven off the gold standard we may hope for a rise in commodity price levels. It is common talk on the street that the United States now will embark on a policy of inflation, and that is what we are pinning our hopes on. We have too long followed at the heels of the United States, like a little boy tied to his mother's apron strings or a youngster taken out in the park by his nurse, who ties a string to him so that he will not get away. Too long the Government have been turning their eyes to the New York bankers; too long they have held them as their idols. Those idols have proved to have feet of clay. The recent revelations regarding some of those New York supermen have shocked the entire world.

It seems to me, Mr. Speaker, that during the last two years the financial policy of this country has been a burden and a hindrance rather than a help to industry. That there has been a policy of deflation carried on is evidenced by the fact that the total amount of bank loans and currency is \$700,000,000 less than it was three years ago.

Professor Irving Fisher said a short time ago—and I quite agree—that we want neither inflation nor deflation; we should keep the car in the middle of the road. The proper place to drive this car is in the centre of the road, not in the inflation ditch on the right hand side or the deflation ditch on the left hand side. At present he says the car is in the deflation ditch. It must be steered out of that ditch and back to the middle of the road, but we must be careful that we do not steer it into the inflation ditch. I have been warned lately by one or two of my friends that I should set myself right with the House of Commons with regard to inflation. They say we are liable to get uncontrolled inflation soon if this Government remains in office because the policy they are pursuing may result in the necessity for wild inflation. Should that happen I want to make it perfectly clear that I am not now advocating and never have advocated that policy.

What Kind of National Bank?

Perhaps I had better make it clear that in advocating the establishment of a central bank I want a national bank owned one hundred per cent by the state, a bank whose policy should be laid down in black and white in its charter. The principal thing that should be outlined in the policy of such a bank would be that it should maintain stable price levels when they had been raised to a point approximately on the 1926 level. Though I regret that the Government is two years late, still it is better late than never. A good deal has happened in the last two years; some Provinces and a good many municipalities are on the verge of bankruptcy and thousands of citizens have also gone into bankruptcy in that time.

Money is distinctly national in char-

acter, and one of the chief causes of present world conditions is the attempt to carry on a lot of national economic units with an international currency. The two do not go together. Money, I say, is national and we want a money system suited to our own needs.

One of our great troubles comes from the fact that we have given more consideration to finance than to humanity. After all, the greatest asset of the country is its people. We must take care of our people, and if humanity is to be sacrificed to the banking industry, then the banking industry will not profit in the long run. The fact that we have been more concerned with money than with humanity is the reason for so many people in Canada being unemployed. There is a market in Canada for industry. There are thousands of people in Canada who need houses; thousands who need furniture; thousands who need furnaces or central heating systems in their houses; thousands of homes without any water system, without refrigerators, pianos or radios; and there are thousands of people in need of food and clothing.

Immense Market in Canada

Here are just a few statistics I have been able to obtain to indicate the market available in Canada. I find from a recent bulletin issued by the Bureau of Statistics that there are in Canada 728,000 farms—I omit the hundreds. Of these, 116,000 have radios. That means that there is a market for 612,000 radio receiving sets. There are 321,000 farms with automobiles and 407,000 without; and 333,000 farms with telephones and 494,000 without. Remember, these are 1931 figures, and in some districts one half the rural telephones have been taken out in the last year. Of all the farms in Canada only 60,900 have running water in the kitchen. There is work for plumbers to install water systems in 668,000 farm homes. The number of farm homes in Canada with running water piped in the bathroom is 35,000, or about five per cent. There is a wonderful market in Canada for all our industries. I am sorry I have not the statistics for the cities, but they are not published by the bureau. If every building in Canada that needs a coat of paint were painted this year it would give employment to 100,000 men making the paint and putting it on the buildings. I am impressed with this fact every time I make the trip from here to Montreal. I am sure there is plenty of employment in Canada for all our people for the next ten years, and in that period we would have a breathing space to make comprehensive plans for giving employment to the people and supplying them with the goods we know we can produce.

Edmonton Exhibition

A new class of farm displays, for which prizes up to \$40 are offered, will be shown at the Edmonton Exhibition, opening on July 17th. Each farm competing must show sheep and threshed grain, Alberta-grown fruits, canned vegetables, forage plants, table vegetables, roots, cheese, eggs (or honey) etc. Entries close on June 30th.

Night Versus Night

Visitor—If your mother gave you a large apple and a small one, and told you to divide with your brother, which apple would you give him?

Johnny—D'ye mean my big brother or my little one?

A Review of Legislation by the Federal Parliament

Important Acts Affect Position of Ex-Servicemen—Contentious Radio Legislation—Canada's Enormous Indebtedness—U.F.A. Ideas on Finance Gain Ground—Redistribution and the Party System.



By ALFRED SPEAKMAN, M.P.

Mr. Speakman's article was written a few days before the close of the session. Parliament prorogued on Saturday, May 27th, after a protracted debate on the redistribution bill, which was finally passed practically unchanged. Parliament had been in session nearly seven and a half months, from the opening in the fall of 1932. It is considered possible that following the World Economic Conference a fall session may be held this year.—Editor.

Ottawa, Ont.

In this series of articles, which are contributed month by month by the U.F.A. Federal Members, an attempt is made to portray Parliament in action, as viewed from the standpoint of the U.F.A. Group. Each article in turn deals with the more salient features of the preceding month, stressing those which are outstanding by reason of their actual importance, or for the light they may throw upon Parliament itself.

Deflationary Policy

Pursuant to this practice, Mr. Lockovich, M.P., in writing the article which appeared a month ago, centered his attention upon the annual budget, always an event of outstanding importance, and gave us a vivid picture, not so much of those details which were familiar to all through their publication in the daily press, but of the underlying principle upon which the budget was based—that of a continuance of that deflationary policy which has been followed during recent years, by Governments and financial institutions, and which has been one of the main factors in what has been so well termed, "the Great Depression."

Since that article was written, the activities of Parliament have been numerous and varied. It has been the common practice to move at a leisurely pace during the greater part of each session, spending days of debate over relatively minor issues, and to speed up as prorogation draws near, crowding a tremendous amount of work into the last few weeks or days, during which time discussion is reduced to a minimum, and unpopular is that member who ventures to delay an impatient House by any lengthy expression of opinion, no matter how deeply interested he may be in any subject.

This session has proved no exception to this general rule, and as a result, it is impossible, in the space of a single article, to deal with, or even to mention, many of the important items which were disposed of, or do more than touch in passing, much that would merit detailed comment.

Act Concerning Ex-Servicemen

Amongst the more important bills which were passed, and are now among our statutes, are two which particularly affect our returned men. It will be remembered that the Pension Act was amended in 1930, after a special com-

mittee of Parliament had worked for months upon the problem. As a result of these amendments a new Court, called the Pensions Tribunal, was established, which, divided into Regional Courts, or Quorums, held sittings at various points throughout the country, at which sittings those applying for pensions might appear in person, accompanied by their witnesses, and assisted by a Pensions Advocate to present their claims. This new feature, that of the local hearing in open court, proved most popular amongst the veterans who wished to apply for pensions, and thousands of cases were dealt with in this manner.

Unfortunately, two main causes of dissatisfaction soon became apparent, and led to wide spread discontent, and a growing demand for some further change. The administrative machinery which had been set up was swamped by the number of cases to be dealt with, and was unable to keep pace with the demands made upon it. This resulted in long and painful delay, between the time when the applicant first presented his claim, and the final disposition of the case. Still more important was the growing resentment caused by the great number of cases where the Crown, represented by the B.P.C., appealed against the favorable decision as rendered by the Pensions Tribunal, and the large proportion of those cases where the appeal was sustained, and the pension finally refused. So insistent had become this demand that the Government appointed a small departmental committee, upon which the veterans' organizations were represented, to study the situation and suggest a remedy.

Based upon the report of this committee or rather upon its reports, for the committee was not unanimous in its recommendations, a new Pension Act was introduced, and again sent to a special parliamentary committee for consideration. There it was materially changed, and the act which was finally agreed to, and passed, provided for a different form of administration, which it is hoped may remove the causes of dissatisfaction.

Machinery Simplified

Under the provisions of this new bill, the machinery will be much simplified. The cumbersome method of having two courts of first instance, with the one hearing appeals from the other, and with the Pensions Appeal Court above both, will disappear. The B.P.C. and the Pensions Tribunal as separate entities will be abolished, and out of them one new court will be established, named the Canadian Pension Commission, to consist of from eight to twelve members, the difference being at the discretion of the Government. The principle of local hearings in open court is maintained, but the same body will receive the applications and will form the travelling Quorums. Much of the formality which characterized the former hearings will disappear, as will the presence of a Com-

mission Counsel at the local hearings, although the applicant will still be accompanied by his Counsel, in the person of a Pensions Advocate.

Instead of the Commission Counsel appealing against the favorable decision granted the successful applicant, under the direction of the B.P.C. a new official termed the Reviewing Officer will be appointed, representing not the B.P.C. but the Government itself, who will review the favorable decisions and recommend which, if any, shall be appealed. The long delay should also disappear, as this recommendation must be made within thirty five days, or else the favorable decision stands, and the pension will be forthwith granted.

The right of the unsuccessful applicant to appeal to the Appeal Court is still maintained, as are, in fact, all other rights which were his under the old act. Altogether, there is the prospect that both the main grounds of the present dissatisfaction are now removed, that the hearings will be expedited, the abuse of the right of appeal against the applicant will be stopped and the whole process simplified. It must also be pointed out that the Government is made responsible, both for the number of Commissioners to be appointed, within limits, and therefore for the sufficiency of the travelling Quorums to deal promptly with all cases, and for the conduct of the Reviewing Officer, in respect of appeals brought against the applicant, and that the success of this new form of administration will depend largely upon the manner in which the Government discharges this responsibility.

Land Settlement Act Amendment

The other act of special interest to the returned man, is the amendment to the Soldier's Land Settlement Act. Under the provisions of this act, there is a complete cancellation of all interest due for the twelve months prior to November 1st, 1932. In order to be quite fair to those who may have already paid this interest, it is provided that any such payment of interest will be credited to principal account. Of still greater importance is the new clause which provides that for every dollar paid on a Soldier Settler Contract during the three years from March 31st, 1933, to March 31st, 1936, the settler making payment will be credited with another dollar. In this way, whatever payments are made during these three years, will reduce the settlers liabilities by exactly twice that amount. The particular merit of this provision lies in the fact that, differing from all previous legislation of a similar character, the more a man manages to pay, the greater will be the benefit he will derive.

Shipping Act Amendment

Of more general interest is the bill which has just been passed, which was introduced in the Senate, and which

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ALBERTA WHEAT POOL SECTION

TO MAINTAIN QUALITY OF WHEAT

Calgary Herald.—The Alberta Wheat Pool is doing a splendid work in encouraging youthful farmers to raise pure strains of seed wheat. This is being done through the Junior Wheat Clubs, the supervisory work coming under the Provincial Field Crops Commissioner.

The Wheat Pool apparently realizes the importance of maintaining the quality of wheat produced in the Province and has followed the wise policy of interesting young farmers in the work. When the young people take over the conduct of the farms of Alberta they will be well grounded in the economics of good seed production.

In a recent news release from the Alberta Wheat Pool it was mentioned that already over 2,000,000 bushels of pure seed has been produced by the Junior Wheat Clubs. This is sufficient to seed a very considerable acreage, and as time goes on the value of this work will become more and more evident.

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Much of the Roosevelt program was advocated by farmer organizations of Western Canada for months on end. Then our Canadian "leaders" condemned it. Now, since Roosevelt has started the ball rolling, they endorse it.

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INSIDE INFORMATION

T. H. Hammatt, one of the specialists in grain marketing in the employ of the United States Grain Futures Administration, has prepared a review of the operations on the Chicago exchange which furnishes enlightening information. He asserts that during a period from July 1st to October 22nd, 1932, the burden of hedges were largely carried by the Grain Stabilization Corporation and the small speculator known in marketing parlance as "the public." The net position of the large speculators as a group was short 53 percent of the time and long 47 percent. In other words, the public and the Grain Stabilization Corporation afforded support for the hedges throughout the entire period and for 53 percent of the time carried not only the hedgers but the large speculators also. The large speculators helped to carry the hedgers only 47 percent of the time and during 53 percent added to the hedging pressure on the market. In so far as the futures' market supported values by affording opportunities for hedging that enabled domestic wheat to be bought for storage and domestic merchandising at prices above an export basis, credit is due the public and the Grain Stabilization Corporation and not the large speculators.

A feature of this period worthy of note is that on major advances on the market the purchases of the large speculators as a group much exceeded their sales, while on major declines their sales much exceeded their purchases. Thus from July 1st to August 9th the closing price of the Chicago December futures advanced from 53 3/4 to 57 3/4 and the net position of the large speculators changed from 4,265,000 short to 7,820,000 long, their purchases exceeding their sales by 12,085,000 bushels. With the decline in the price from 57 3/4 on August 9th to 53 1/4 September 13th their net position changed from 7,820,000 bushels long to 6,518,000 bushels short, their sales exceeding their purchases by 14,338,000 bushels.

United States' Grain Futures Administration organization was in a position to obtain accurate information, and the data accumulated can be considered as authentic. It clearly shows that the big speculators certainly were not the altruistic group their propaganda pictured them to be.

A ROMANCE OF CO-OPERATION

The spirit of romance still breathes in this prosaic world of sordid economic depression, at least as far as Bulgarian co-operators are concerned. D. Nedelkoff sends the following almost epic story of co-operative effort in Bulgaria.

"Along the Black Sea coast, south of the Bulgarian town of Bourgas, stretches a large mountain chain known as 'Strandja.' The population of this area is almost entirely occupied in the co-operative production of charcoal which was formerly sold to Turkey and Greece. When the latter two countries set up huge tariff walls against Bulgaria, the Strandja Co-operative Charcoal Productive Society was faced with the danger of collapse, since there is no home market in Bulgaria for charcoal.

"Then the society's director took the risk on his own account, and chartering a sailing vessel, set out with a cargo of 400,000 kilos of charcoal, and sailed, as in olden days, for fourteen days and nights, to Spain, seeking new markets for the Bulgarian co-operators' charcoal.

"The Barcelona Co-operative Retail Society bought a large quantity of the charcoal and introduced it onto the Spanish market. Since the first shipment over 2,000,000 kilos have already been sold, thereby proving of invaluable assistance to the lives of the entire population in the Strandja area."

"The moral of the story points to the solution of many heavy international problems," concludes Mr. Nedelkoff, "that co-operators from one country should stretch out assisting hands to the co-operators of other countries."

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The J. P. Morgan revelations only emphasize the need of ordinary men working together to achieve their own ends. Don't trust the "big fellows." They are out for themselves.

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WHEAT ACREAGE REDUCTION

In discussing the proposal of wheat acreage reduction among exporting countries as a method of increasing prices, *The Financial Post* scorns the idea, saying that "the case for an artificial reduction of wheat acreage in Canada is far from proved." Also: "In Canada support for the acreage reduction has come from two sources. Among those friendly to the plan are the now virtually ostracized Wheat Pool propagandists in the West who are trying to regain their political influence with the Western farmers through establishment of a national wheat board. The second line of support comes from John I. McFarland, Western wheat man."

"The bulk of the 1933 Canadian wheat crop was marketed at prices under 50c a bushel at the terminal. Western agriculture cannot exist on such prices. While for over three years hope for better times had been held out by prominent men, the wheat growers saw conditions steadily growing worse. The conclusion was reached that if nothing else could be done to create better prices wheat acreage reduction must inevitably be at least tried.

The natural instinct for the business life of the country, including political leaders, railway men, bankers, grain men, business men, etc., is to oppose acreage reduction. But "price" for wheat is a matter of first importance to the grower. He must consider that, whether other business interests do or do not.

The Wheat Pool delegates, as a consequence of the acute situation, passed a resolution favoring a move to reduce wheat acreage on an international basis. The suggestion did not come from "propagandists."

Survey of Canadian Wheat and Flour Movement

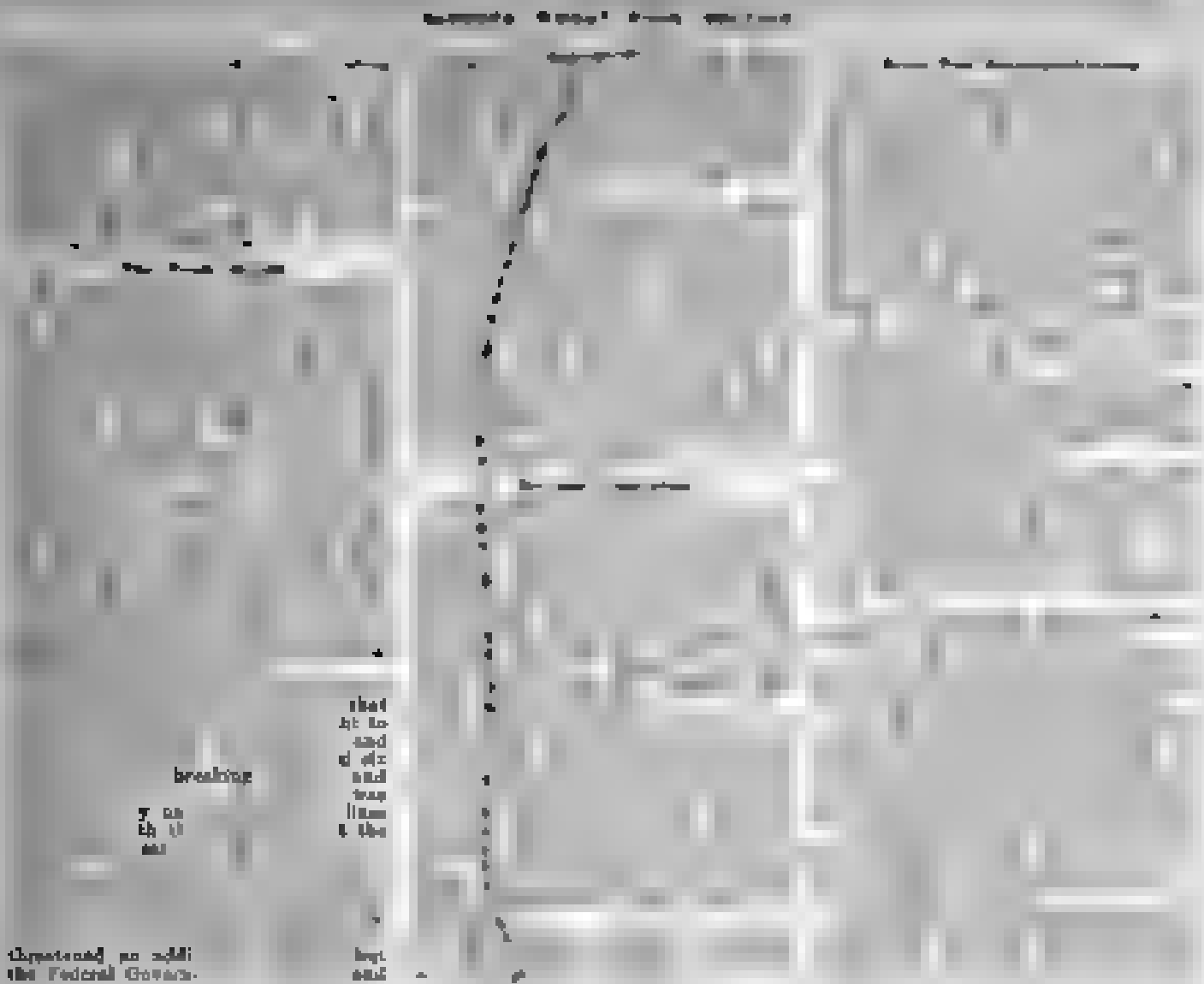


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Activities of U.F.W.A. Locals

Wabamun. Are taking part in the dinner given at Wabamun Conference.

Calcutt. Were much interested in a brown-bagging demonstration by Mr. Schindler recently.

Weyburn. Are holding regular meetings, with a good discussion on problems of the day.

Estevan. Some of the members gave a sign of mutual service at Eastern Sunday that was well attended.

Winnipeg. Discussed plans for evening lunch at U.F.W.A. Sunday gathering at Excelsior Ridge.

Valley. Raised funds by card parties and sale of a quilt, appointing a delegate to the Spring Conference.

McCallery. Enjoyed papers on home economics and "A Cuddling Mother" at last May Meeting.

Stanhope. Have organization in good shape and will bring good craft items, sewing and carding the wool for them all.

Greene. Mrs. and Mrs. Stansbury, a former member, and Mrs. Rood's daughter, a local's recent sister, at last May Meeting.

Wainwright. Are taking up for discussion and study the U.F.W.A. questions, a copy sent from Central Office, new questions at each meeting.

Wheat Springs. Are making two quilts, one for a neighbor whose home was burned down and one for the hospital at home.

Edmonton. Heard an interesting paper by Mrs. C. L. C. after the May meeting and arranged for a handcraft sale at the June.

Ward. Heard an interesting paper on "The Little House of the Old" and "People of Alberta" by Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Stansbury and Mrs. Penfold.

Warner. Give help on spring dress, as well as sell all of a recent meeting and started a system of giving money from a group of women's work.

Fort. An excellent sale of articles made from their work, and a paper on home economics by Mrs. Chapman were the high point of the May meeting.

Morris. Have almost finished with their June meeting, and are paying back the loan from the treasury and making an advertisement quilt to raise funds.

Spokane. Heard an address by Rev. G. B. Watson who emphasized the Arthur Miller's views on the present day work, and interested in studying economics.

Calgary. Have increased their membership from 5100 to 547 this year, gave a series of card parties, at an all-



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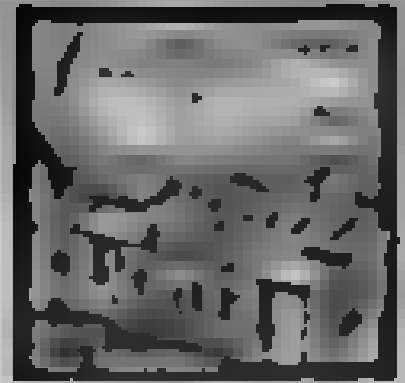
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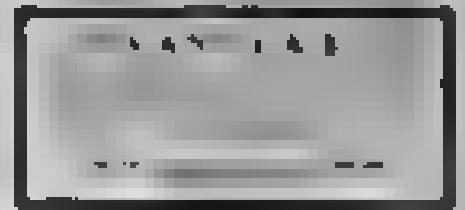
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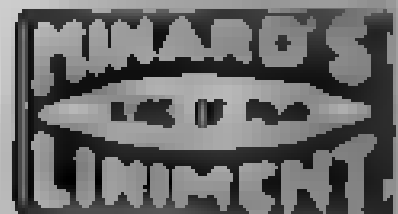
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amounting to over \$8,000 million dollars, which corporate and private indebtedness must approach to fully absorb. It was demonstrated that the drop in price levels had correspondingly increased the net weight of this insupportable burden, and that so far no interest rate cut occurred, it lay within the jurisdiction of the Federal Parliament (a established monetary control and limitations).

That Parliament is not yet ready to do this was amply evidenced by the fact that an act is ordered by our Congress of the House and proposing that a convertible interest rate of 5 per cent be established by law and upon all forms of borrowing within this country was voted down by a substantial majority.

U.F.A. Ideas Only Dreamed

It is evident that the work of education in this country has not yet been complete, but has made great steadily on and year by year. It is especially evident by our U.F.A. group and its associates are receiving acceptable to more and more people even a Parliament itself, which after all does reflect with some accuracy the ideas and mentality of the Canadian People.

More such work could be made, but the urgency of space will not permit, so far as this article is concerned, where the activities of a progressive month must be confined within the limits of what would equal, but a forty minute, but a twenty minute speech.

Redistribution

As this article is written, the census has concluded for what must be one of the heaviest census takers of the century, with one might, but upon some matter of public policy, but upon a matter which should be far removed from party strife. For it is five years after the taking of the decennial census, the redistribution of the House is redistributed, according to the manner in which the population may have grown and shifted during the past ten years.

At this time, based upon it is upon the population of Quebec, by general agreement of the House will be retained, as Manitoba. The House having three members, by West giving the same number. Alberta gives not giving an additional member retained of course. While this new thing will be located in the North, it will necessitate some change in every constituency boundary, the population of each riding having increased to 40,000, even where the actual number of members retained etc. thereby as in Ontario and Quebec the gradual shifting of population from west to east will also be different boundary lines reducing the area and increasing the actual representation.

Following the conclusion of longer years, a committee of Parliament has approved, representation of each party and group in the House, which committee was referred to actual work of redrawing the constituencies, according to present day requirements. There are certain definite considerations which must be kept in mind in performing this difficult task. In addition to the primary factor of population there are the actual boundaries, geographical considerations, and other considerations which may not be forgotten.

Feasibility of Party Advantage

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C.C.F. Literature

A new sixteen page pamphlet entitled *The Co-operative Commonwealth Federation* was published a few weeks ago by authority of the National Executive Committee. It contains a brief sketch of the development of the workers' movement into the form of the C.C.F. and of the aims and objectives of the group. It also describes the way in which these groups, in their own special manner, realize the need for fundamental social re-organization and to declare the objectives to be the attainment of the co-operative commonwealth. It describes the manner in which the C.C.F. came to be formed and also a list of the Provincial Groups. It also contains a brief biography of J. S. Woodsworth, M.P., the President.

Copies have been distributed since he obtained from Mr. F. Scott, the National Secretary.

A four page leaflet, entitled *The Program of the C.C.F.* and is one for the consideration of the Alberta Provincial Council. It has been distributed and issued by The Alberta Labor News and has been obtained from Mr. J. S. Woodsworth, National Secretary of the C.C.F. The title of the leaflet is *The Program of the C.C.F.* and is one for the consideration of the Alberta Provincial Council. It has been distributed and issued by The Alberta Labor News and has been obtained from Mr. J. S. Woodsworth, National Secretary of the C.C.F.

Are You With Drivers' Responsibility

Automobile drivers will be obliged in future to furnish proof of a valid financial liability responsibility for accidents of committed traffic violations of highway regulations, and in some other cases, according to with the law to be the Motor Vehicle Traffic Act at the next session of the Legislature.

The new section of the Act provides for suspension of driver's license and registration of motor vehicle in case of conviction of infractions of highway regulations, to remain in effect until any penalties imposed have been satisfied and until proof of financial responsibility for future motor vehicle accidents has been given. The rules have been set as to the and include driving recklessly or negligently, driving upon a highway as a passenger or a driver without a driver's license, or in any of these cases, failing to insure in any person or to comply with the terms of the Motor Vehicle Act, or failing to comply with the terms of the Motor Vehicle Act.

Persons under the age of twenty-one and over the age of twenty-five may also be required under the new legislation to furnish proof of financial responsibility in applying for driver's license or motor vehicle license.

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and homes" (says Premier Bennett in his Budget speech, June 1st, 1931, page 2235 Hansard) is \$17 billion. The highest figure I have ever seen for the total assets of Canada is 32 billion dollars. I presume this was at peak prices. What are Canadian assets worth now? What is Massey-Harris stock worth? What is oil stock, mining stock, railway stock, farm stock worth? Is it worth half today? No! But suppose it was worth half or 15 billion, Canada is still capitalised for more than she is worth. And the man who owns his outfit free of private debt is still in debt in a general way for more than he is worth. So all Canadians either with or without real physical assets are disinherited.

Jacob, Where Art Thou?

At public school in old Ontario we sometimes played "Jacob and Rachel." The blindfolded maiden was supposed to be able to catch the escaping boy who must stay inside of the ring formed by the other pupils. She often called, "Jacob, where art thou." Jacob was obliged to answer. Miss Canada blindfolded today calls, "Jacob where art thou?" Who has the inheritance? Where is Jacob? Let the man with the mortgage, the man with the bond, the stock or the bank note—in short let the man with the paper say to the man with the physical reality: "I am here. I own it all. You own less than nothing." The shadow has become the substance in the minds of the Canadian people. Let Miss Canada tear away the bandage from her eyes. The man with the paper says to all Canadian enterprises: "You go ahead with your work; we will continue to keep the books for you." Having been figured out of our national inheritance once, shall we retain or fire our bookkeepers?

Jacob and Esau

We recall that Esau lost his inheritance through fraud. It was partly his own fault all right but he would not have been disinherited had there not been fraud. We Canadians may have been careless of our birthright but has there been fraud in connection with our undoing? Listen to a man grown old in the political life of Canada, an independent member of the Dominion House of Commons from Quebec. Hansard, February 2nd, 1933, page 1850, Mr. Henri Bourassa (Liberal) says:

"I was talking recently to one of the most important business men of Montreal. I asked him 'Could you point out any large enterprise in Canada that is one way or another is not built upon fraud? Fraudulent processes or watered stock?' He is a very cool headed fellow, connected with one of the largest banks in Montreal. He thought a minute and said 'There may be, but I know none.' Another statement is: 'Each respectable bank must have a trust company to carry on, with the money of the depositors, operations which the bank act forbids to the bank.' So says Henri Bourassa. It is through capitalism that the people of Canada have been robbed."

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NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS

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U.F.A. Local News

Castor U.F.A. Local are making a strong effort to enlarge their membership by putting on a membership drive and having an address on the C.C.F.

In the death by drowning of Wm. Teas in April, Prairie Echo U.F.A. Local suffered a severe loss. Mr. Teas was a staunch supporter of the movement, and president of the Local.

William Higgs, of Abbe, Alberta, died on May 18th. An active worker in the Abbe U.F.A. Local and in all community affairs, with a particular interest in the welfare and education of children, Mr. Higgs will be greatly missed.

Recent meetings of Chapel U.F.A. Local have been concerned with co-operative purchasing of fuel and lubricating oils, the holding of a whist drive and dance, and a study of questions of the day, as presented in a paper by O. R. Simon.

Aber U.F.A. Local voted at their May meeting to endorse heartily the resolutions of the U.F.A. Executive relative to "rod riding" and protesting against the tax on sugar. It was decided to hold a series of whist drives during the year to raise funds for the Local.

It was decided at the May meeting of Watrous U.F.A. Local to seek the assistance of the Wheat Pool in getting loading facilities for wheat at the local railway point, until such time as it would be possible to have a Pool elevator. The Local is also working for better roads, and is endeavoring to have a nurse brought into the district.

Seeding 230 acres in one day, the members of South Castor U.F.A. Local held a "bee" recently in aid of one of their members who was injured in an accident early in the spring, and had been unable to do any spring work. Ten seed drills, a tiller combine, and two outfits of harrows were at work on the farm simultaneously, motive power supplied by a tractor and horses.

New U.F.A. Locals

Shrewsbury: John Bohachuk and Peter Harrison are officers of this new Local, near Impassée. Walter Luckasevich was in charge of the organization meeting.

Nadreau: The officers of this new Local, in the Donnelly district, Peace River North, are Jas. Fournier, Emile Nadeau and Jean Gagnon.

Cash Creek: Called by George Barton, a meeting of farmers in the Elbert district, Athabasca constituency, decided to organize a U.F.A. Local, with Harvey Seim as president and Earl W. Hutton, secretary.

Spirit Valley: Fourteen members joined this Local in Spirit River district, at its first meeting. Robert Scott, E. Cox and William Argo are the officers.

Mundare: Organized recently, this Local elected as president F. L. Borowski and as secretary S. H. Newko.

Rosher: (Formerly Sounding Creek) was reorganized with thirty members recently. C. Prentiss was elected president and Orla Olson, secretary.

U.F.A. SUNDAY

June 10th has been set on the day for the observance of U.F.A. Sunday.

U.F.W.A. News

Let's U.F.W.A. Conference

Mrs. Roy Carter, U.F.W.A. Director, announces that a U.F.W.A. Conference will be held in Conjugating Creek Hall on June 14th. E. J. Garland, M.P., will be on the program, which will also include musical numbers; and lunch will be served, without charge, between the afternoon and evening sessions. Both men and women, members and non-members, are cordially invited.

Ponoka U.F.W.A. Conference

The U.F.W.A. in Ponoka constituency extend an invitation to all men and women, of town and country, to their conference to be held in Ponoka on June 18th, commencing at 1:30 p.m. E. J. Garland, M.P., will speak; there will be a musical program and a display of basketry.

Grant Second Stop-off

As an experiment, to continue in force until March 31st, 1934, the Railway Commission has granted the application of A. Chard, Provincial Freight and Traffic Supervisor, for a second stop-off on livestock shipments. The 1928 Annual Convention of the U.F.A. made a request for this privilege, and Mr. Chard presented the application before the Board of Railway Commissioners in March, 1930, when it was denied, and he has since pressed it.

An illustrated 73-page booklet entitled "The Insulation of New and Old Houses" contains full discussions of the proper use of insulating materials in the construction of houses, and a section is devoted to the possibilities of using insulating materials (many of which have been regarded as waste) to make existing dwelling more easily heated. This booklet may be obtained, at a cost of 15 cents, from the secretary of the Dominion Fuel Board at Ottawa.

CANADA'S DEBT

(By Geo. G. Goss, M.P.)

In 1928 the net debt of Canada was \$2,296,000,000 and by 1933 it had increased to \$2,499,000,000. In 1928 the wholesale index figure was 94.4 but in 1933 it had fallen to 64. In terms of wholesale commodities, and that is what we have to pay with, the net debt of \$2,296,000,000 in 1928 now becomes a debt of \$3,031,000,000. The debt of 1933 of \$2,499,000,000 now becomes a burden of \$3,440,000,000. Taking the gross debt of all public bodies in Canada, that is the Dominion, the Provinces and the municipalities as \$6,539,000,000, this works out upon the basis of the 1928 price levels as \$8,718,000,000. The gross debt of the Provinces totalling \$1,578,000,000, on the same computation becomes \$2,085,000,000. The debt of the Western Provinces has been doubled because their revenue comes mainly from agriculture and agricultural commodities have fallen on the average about sixty per cent.

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